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Chapter I of the "Teaching Materials Concerning Basic Youth Corps Knowledge" (Ch'ing-nien T'uan Ti Chi-pien Chih-shih Chiao-ta'ai') was carried in full in the Shanghai Ch'ing-nien Pao of 1 April 1952. Introductory remarks by the editor of that newspaper state that the "Teaching Materials" is to be used as optional reading material for Youth Corps members and as a teaching guide for propagandists.

The chapter emphasizes the role of the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) as organizer and leader of the NDYC (China New Democracy Youth Corps). It declares that the CCP educates youth to become combat soldiers in the struggle for the establishment of the new society, that the CCP is the founder of the NDYC, that the CCP leadership is the source of strength for the NDYC, and that the NDYC is the assistant and reserve force of the CCP.

The introductory remarks by the editor of the Ch'ing-nien Pao, and Chapter I of the "Teaching Materials" follow.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This is the first draft of the "Teaching Materials Concerning Basic Youth Corps Knowledge," prepared by the propaganda department of the North China Working Committee of the NDYC and published by the Chung-kuo Ch'ing-nien She. It is based on the "Outline for Teaching Basic Youth Corps Knowledge" worked out by the NDYC Central Committee and published on 17 November 1951. The "Teaching Materials" has two more chapters than the "Outline," due to the division of Chapters 2 and 6 in the latter into four chapters.

The "Teaching Materials" may be used as a reference book for study assistants or guides [previously known as propagandists] in teaching the Youth Corps subjects to worker-peasant Youth Corps members. It may also be used by Youth

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Corps members in junior middle schools, or above, as optional reading material. The need for suitable and popular teaching materials for study by worker-peasant youths in conformity with the conditions of each locality is still great.

Each Youth Corps committee of hsien level, or above, in each locality should give its wholehearted support to enable study assistants to teach the "Teaching Materials" more efficiently, in close harmony with actual local conditions. Each propaganda department of a hsien Youth Corps committee, or above, should bear full responsibility in the teaching project and should not relegate the task to subordinate organs. This "Teaching Materials" was published for use temporarily, in answer to numerous requests for such material from various localities. It is requested that suggestions for improvement of the "Teaching Materials" be sent to the Chung-kuo Ch'ing-nien She [in Peiping]. -- the Editor

Chapter I. CCP is the Organizer and Leader of the NDYC

The NDYC is an active participant in the people's revolutionary struggle of China. The CCP is the organizer and leader of the NDYC.

The Chinese people have undergone a long period of difficult struggle to overthrow the imperialist, feudalist, reactionary regime. The Chinese people could never have achieved the present state of tranquility without the CCP and the perspicacious leadership of Chairman Mao, which made possible the overthrow of the mighty imperialists and their running-dog reactionary regime, and could not have realized the changes which brought about the establishment of an independent country of New Democracy which is advancing toward a more peaceful and happy Communist society.

The CCP loves youths fervently. It is the leader, encourager, and organizer of the youth of China. Everything the reactionary group does is done to harm the youth. It fleeces and oppresses them. It causes them to leave school and lose their jobs, and it drags them into miserable lives. The CCP and Chairman Mao, on the other hand, train youths to become future leaders of the state. They protect the youth, they encourage them to advance; they educate them to become combatants in the struggle for the establishment of the new society.

How does the CCP lead the youth to advance? First, it leads them ideologically. The CCP educates the youth in the ideologies of Marxism-Leninism and in Mao Tse-tung's thoughts. The latter are the synthesis of Marxism-Leninism with the revolutionary practices of China. Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tse-tung's thoughts are the most advanced revolutionary theories and ideologies. The CCP does not educate the youth for selfish reasons and for the benefit of the few, but it endeavors wholeheartedly to educate them to serve the laboring people. It educates the youth to resist injustice, unfairness, and oppression, to love the fatherland fervently, and to bear enmity toward the enemy of the people. The CCP persistently encourages and educates youths to become combat soldiers in the struggle for the establishment of a benevolent and happy new society. As a result, many of the CCP-trained-and-educated youths became heroes and model workers during the people's liberation war and in the country's various reconstruction projects.

Second, the CCP leads the youth politically. All CCP policies are focused on benefiting the Chinese people and youth. During the various revolutions in the past, the CCP educated youths to participate. This resulted in winning freedom and a better future for the Chinese people. Without their participation the Chinese people might have been placed in slavery. Since the founding

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of the New China, the CCP has devoted all its might to aiding the youth all over China to go forward and to solve their livelihood problems. Under CCP leadership, the future of the Chinese people promises to be filled with unlimited tranquility.

Third, the CCP establishes youth organizations that unite and educate the broad masses of youth. In the past, the CCP led the Chinese Communist Youth Corps (formerly known as the Chinese Socialist Youth Corps), the Chinese Nationalities Liberation Vanguard Unit, the Youth National Salvation Society, the Youth Resist Japan Vanguard Unit, etc. Under CCP leadership, the youth of China contributed greatly to the winning of the people's liberation war and have handed down a glorious tradition.

At the beginning of the people's liberation war in 1946, the CCP Central Committee began to organize the NDYC with the intention of uniting and educating the youth all over China. In the two ensuing years, many Youth Corps were established on a trial basis. On 1 January 1949, the CCP Central Committee issued the "Resolutions Concerning the Establishment of the China New Democracy Youth Corps" and sent out a large number of party members and cadres to work as "backbone" cadres in paving the way for the establishment of Youth Corps everywhere. Soon after, in April 1949, the NDYC was officially established at the first national representatives' congress of the NDYC, held in Peiping. The representatives attending the congress heard secretary Jen Pi-shih of the CCP Secretariat give a political report. Comrade Jen Pi-shih's political report and the resolutions of the CCP Central Committee were made the guiding principles for all Youth Corps activities. The congress also decided that the NDYC would be led by the CCP and that the NDYC would act as the assistant and the reserve force of the CCP.

The CCP is the highest form of the proletarian organization. The NDYC and all other people's organizations should struggle for the complete liberation of the laboring people under the leadership of the CCP. In pursuance of the revolutionary struggle, the NDYC acts as the assistant and reserve force of the CCP. This is the basic principle of all Youth Corps activities.

The NDYC, 3 years after its establishment, has more than 5 million members. The NDYC has been an able assistant in the various activities of the CCP and the people's government. It has won the confidence of the broad masses of youth. It has achieved these results because it is led and assisted by the CCP. Without the correct leadership of the CCP, which points out the aims of struggle in different periods, the NDYC would have groped in darkness, might not have achieved such a great result, and might have committed many errors. By relying on the CCP and its able assistance, the NDYC was able to gain speedily the confidence and support of the broad masses of youth and to obtain the participation of the youth in the revolutionary struggles. The CCP leadership over the NDYC is therefore unconditional, and absolute.

However, there have been cases where some Youth Corps members and cadres did not understand this basic principle. After accomplishing a certain activity, they became blindly self-satisfied and erroneously created among themselves the idea that the NDYC does not need the CCP leadership, that the NDYC cadres could lead the Youth Corps activities. The extreme cases involved some who ranked the CCP below the NDYC and this occasionally resulted in Youth Corps branch organizations challenging the authority of the party branch organizations. These concepts are wrong and should be corrected. We should all impress upon ourselves that the CCP is the creator of the NDYC, that without the CCP there would be no NDYC, and that the leadership and assistance of the CCP is the source of the NDYC's strength.

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